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ORDINANCE  
OF THE  
Lords and Commons  
ASSEMBLED IN  
PARLIAMENT,

For charging and taxing a Moneth-  
ly rate of 300. pounds upon the County of  
*Essex*, for the safety and Defence of the  
said County,

And to continue untill the first day of *December*  
next, if this unnaturall Warre shall  
so long continue.

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*Henry Elsynge Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.*

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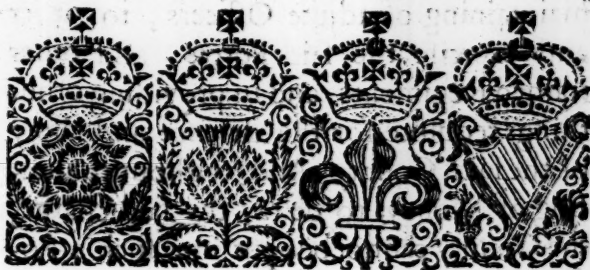
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3. Martii 1644.

An Ordinance of the Lords  
and Commons Assembled in Parliament,  
for charging and taxing a Monethly  
Rate of 300. pounds upon the  
County of *Essex*, &c.



Whereas the County of *Essex* in  
obedience to an Ordinance  
of Parliament, intituled an  
Ordinance for putting the  
Assotiated Counties into a  
posture of Defence, hath raysted a conside-  
rable number of Horse, Foot, and Dra-  
goones, and must bee at great charges in  
maintaining

maintaining of adjuce Officers, to order and exercise the said Forces, and other trained Regiments, and in providing other things requisite for the defence and safety of the said County, And without the raising of Moneys to defray the said charge, the County cannot bee put into such a Posture as is necessary.

It is therefore Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, and by Authority of the same, that for the intents and purposes aforesaid, there shall be monethly charged, rated, taxed, and levied upon the said County from the first of *February 1644.* the summe of three hundred pounds a moneth, untill the first day of *December* next, if this unnaturall warre shall so long continue.

And be it further Ordained, that every person or persons, that were or are to bee assessed or taxed by vertue of an Ordinance intituled, An Ordinance for raising and maintaining of Forces for the defence of the Kingdome, under the Command of *Sir Thomas Fairfax*, shall bee assessed and taxed

taxed by this Ordinance, in the same manner as they are or may be assessed, and taxed by vertue of the said recited Ordinance, and shall be lyable to as great forfeitures, and penalties, for not paying the summe or summes to be assessed, as they should or might have been, if the same had been assessed by the said recited Ordinance, and the Committees named and trusted in the said last recited Ordinance, to take care for the assessing, collecting or leavying of any monyes in the said County, are named and trusted in this Ordinance, and have as full power and authority given them by this Ordinance to nominate and appoint Collectors and assessors, and to leavy, distraine, fine, imprison, or sequester, as they or any of them have by vertue of the said last recited Ordinance.

And the said Collectors shall pay the severall sums by them collected, to the high Constables of the severall hundreds, and the Mayors or other head Officers of Corporations respectively, within the said County, who shall pay over the said monyes to

such Treasurers, as shall be apointed by the Lord Leivtenant, Deputy Lievtenants of the said County, or any three or more of them, who are to issue forth the same, for the use and service of the said County, by the vote of the Major part of the said Deputy Lievtenants present, or any three of them present, & by their order in pursuance thereof under their hands, and not otherwise.

And it is further Ordained that three pence in the pound shall be allowed for every summe of money which shall be collected and payd, whereof one penny shall be for the Collectors, one penny for the high Constables and Mayors or other head Officers of Corporations, and one penny for the Treasurers.

And the Treasurers shall keepe a Register booke of the severall summes received and payed by them, and the said Committees or any three of them, have hereby power given them, to call all Treasurers, Mayors and other head Officers of Corporations, high Constables, collectors and others, that have or at any time shall be thought

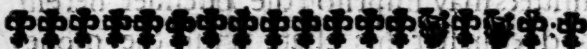
thought to have any of the said monyes in their hands, or any other monyes due upon the Ordinance, for the new posture, to an accompt, and if any of them shall refuse to accompt or to pay in their monyes wherewith they are charged, then the said Committees or any three of them, shall fine them double the sum charged upon them, which if it be not paid within six dayes after the sum is set, & notice thereof left, at his or their dwelling house, It shall be lawful to destaine for the same, and if there be not sufficient distresse wherewith to satisfy, then the said Committees may imprison the offender herein, and sequester his estate untill the money charged and the fine sett, be leavied and payd.

And in case the said Treasurers, Mayors and other head Officers of Corporations, high Constables, or collectors to be nominated as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to leavy or receive the summes of money to be assessed, and sett by virtue of this Ordinance, or the Ordinance for the new posture,

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Committees or any three of them, to fine  
the said Treasurers, Mayors and other head  
Officers of Corporations, high Cunstables  
or Collectors not, exceeding the summe of  
ten pounds, and to leavy the same by way  
of distresse and the sale of their goods  
or by imprisonment as they  
shall thinke fit.

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